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Marc Spitzer, Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
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Re: T-00000A-97-0238/Qwest Corporation-US West Communication Request to
offer Long Distance Phone Service

Dear Chairman Spitzer:

I was planning to attend your hearing, but unfortunately my schedule will not allow me to attend in person. As a result, I am sending this letter in support of Qwest's application to provide long distance services to include data and voice services. As you know, Douglas is situated on the US/Mexico Border and it is my understanding one component of Qwest's application is to provide national and international service. This would certainly benefit our community and as a result we are supportive of Qwest's application.

Over the last year, Qwest has become one of our strong partners in recruiting business industry to our community. They recently installed fiber optics and will be offering DSL in the near future. These services will help rural communities such as ours compete in the global marketplace.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit this letter of support and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with additional information or answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Ortega, P.E.
City Manager

cc: Jim Mossor

"Douglas - the premier southwestern border community."